



Blue Lantern

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This is a story of sex and corruption in Hong Kong. A restless young police recruit from Glasgow is torn between his love for a beautiful Chinese woman doctor, and a sexy but expensive bar girl. He needs more money than he earns. He gets it by taking 'squeeze' money extracted by the police from the gangs who run gaming, prostitution and drug-dealing. But once into the racket, he finds he can't get out. He tries. The police machine turns against him, and a warrant is issued for his arrest on corruption charges. He has to resolve his chaotic love life, but he also has to run.

It is 1967, and the background is the Cultural Revolution riots which shook the colony. *Blue Lantern* is the colloquial Cantonese name for the Hong Kong Police, and means 'the light which gives no illumination'. The novel is based on a true story, and will appeal to any insightful reader interested in east-west relations between the sexes, and British colonial behaviour.

About the Author: Gil Hogg worked in colonial Hong Kong as a senior crown counsel, so had plenty of opportunity to observe police corruption in 'licensing' drug dealing, gambling and prostitution. He was born in New Zealand and has followed a career in corporate law, mostly in London. He is the author of *Teaching Yourself Tranquillity*, and three novels, *A Smell of Fraud*, *The Predators* and *Caring for Cathy*.

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